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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 31 July:

General:

- A. Intensive training, presumably at battalion and regimental level, continued at and outside post training areas. A headquarters command post exercise involving at least one mechanized army and both rifle armies was carried out. Special firing practices were conducted at the training grounds. Tanks continued to arrive from the USSR. T-54 tanks were observed for the first time with the 1st Mechanized Division. An increasing number of KVP units are being transferred to tent camps located near their posts.

B. Soviet Dispositions:1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

Two shipments went from Meissen to Justerbog on 21 July. Between 18 and 24 July, firing details of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division went in three shipments to Koenigsbrueck and in two to Justerbog. Two shipments of the 11th Guards Tank Division went from Koenigsbrueck to Justerbog.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 2nd Light Artillery Brigade: Four new guns, presumably recoilless AT guns with a caliber of about 50 mm, were observed in the quartering area.
- b. 1st Mechanized Division: Tank and artillery units, presumably reinforced by elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade, conducted major exercises in an area west of the Doeberitz training grounds between 7 and 15 July. Four shipments were dispatched from Wittstock to Koeberitz on 24 July. T-54 tanks were observed for the first time with the medium tank regiment of the division.

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- c. 12th Guards Tank Division: Major exercises were conducted in the East Section of the Wittstock training grounds after 16 July. The Neuruppin post was only lightly occupied prior to 23 July.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

A large number of T-54 and T-34 tanks were observed at the former Reinsdorf airfield, 12 kilometers southeast of Justerbog, on 18 July.

4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 71st Light Artillery Brigade: Two shipments were dispatched from Justerbog to Bernau on 23 July.
- b. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: Major elements of the division returned to Bad Freienwalde by road on 17 July. Four columns with troops of the mechanized and mortar regiments left Eberswalde in a northwesterly direction on 27 July.
- c. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: On 20 July, three columns of tanks were observed en route from Fuerstenwalde toward the Lieberose training grounds. Elements of the mortar regiment stationed in Beeskow had apparently arrived at the Lieberose training grounds in two shipments on 25 July.

5. Eighth Guards Army:

- a. 39th Guards Rifle Division: Between 17 and 19 July, elements of the division returned to Ohrdruf by road after having completed an exercise in the Meiningen area. Artillery units from Ohrdruf returned to the Meiningen area by road on 23 July. Elements of the 112th Guards Rifle Regiment returned to Plauen on 18 July.
- b. 57th Guards Rifle Division: Tank details of the Tank and SP Regiment were away from Weissenfels between 21 and 24 July. Elements of the 174th Guards Rifle Regiment were presumably still at Kindel on 20 July.

6. Third Shock Army:

Seventeen T-34 tanks of the 136th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment went in one shipment from Letsling Heath to Burg on 11 July. The bulk of the 597th Rifle Regiment of the 207th Rifle Division, which had left Quedlinburg in three shipments, was located in the northern portion of Letsling Heath between 30 June and 13 July. On 16 and 17 July, three shipments of the 4th Guards Artillery Brigade were dispatched from Schwerin to Tangerhuetten and one to Altengrabow.

7. IV Artillery Brigade:

- a. 6th Artillery Division: On 20 July, approximately 600 soldiers with billeting equipment, but without guns, returned to Rathenow by road. Thirty-five prime movers with T-34 chassis and 16x203mm howitzers of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade left Brandenburg by road.
- b. 34th Artillery Division: On 21 July, during the transfer of the 30th Medium Gun Artillery Brigade from Potsdam to Altengrabow, three new 122 mm guns were observed.
- c. 3rd Guards AT Brigade: One shipment was dispatched to Altengrabow on 20 July. Two shipments returned from Altengrabow to Rostock on the same day.

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- d. 4th Guards AT Brigade: Elements of the brigade conducted firing practice at Wustrow during the period of 11 to 19 July.

Headquarters Command Post Exercise:

The GSFG conducted a headquarters command post exercise during the period of approximately 10 to 19 July. Signal units of the GSFG and headquarters and signal units of the Fourth Guards Mechanized, Third Shock and Eighth Guards Armies participated. Elements of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army apparently moved from the Lieberose-Cottbus area to the Lossa training grounds. The return movement, on 20 and 21 July, was made in four shipments to Eberswalde, one to Drewitz and one to Wunsdorf.

Shipments Arriving from East Latvia:

1. 10 July: Five boxcars with troops and 41 flatcars with AA guns to an undetermined destination; 27 flatcars with AA guns and four boxcars with troops to Justerbag.
2. 18 July: 53 armored personnel carriers to Frankfurt/Oder.
3. 24 July: Twenty-two flatcars with T-54 tanks to Magdeburg; 17 flatcars with T-54 tanks to Neustrelitz.
4. 25 July: The following number of flatcars, presumably all carrying T-54 tanks, were dispatched to the destinations given below:

Magdeburg:	4
Dallgow :	7
Zeithain :	2
Merseburg:	22

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1. Troops stationed in tent camps in the Pasewalk area conducted small-scale exercises in the first half of July. Artillery units from the Oranienburg concentration camp left for the training grounds east of Klietz on 10 and 11 July. Tank units from Oranienburg left for a tent camp in the Lehnitz-Schmachtenhagen area on 11 July. The troops were scheduled to stay at this location until the end of July.
2. Small elements of the Mechanized Regiment from Brandenburg-Hohenstein were entrained at Altstadt on 10 July. Major elements of the mortar regiment at Premnitz were transferred to a tent camp on 15 July.
3. The Spremberg and Oranienburg posts received approximately 100 recruits each during the first half of July. New officer candidate courses were to start at the schools in early August.

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